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# These Days . . . . . By George E. Sokolsky

## The Case for General Walker

GENERAL Edwin A. Walker has resigned from the armed services after serving his country as a commissioned officer for 30 years. He has not been given a trial. He has not been court-martialed for any violation of the military regulations of this country. As he stated to the Senate Armed Services Committee:

"My career has been destroyed in its usefulness to my country. I cannot accept retirement with its ramifications and benefits. To do so would be a compromise with my principle."

Until General Walker has had his day in court, openly, so that all the American people can know exactly what happened, the conclusion must be that he has been unfairly treated, as Gen. "Billy" Mitchell was unfairly treated, as Gen. Douglas MacArthur was unfairly treated, as General Patton might have been more unfairly treated but for public opinion. There can be no excuse for improper treatment for men in uniform.

General Walker takes the position:

"We are at war. We are infiltrated. We are losing that war every day. Are our names tied, yours and mine? We need a substitute for defeat. If it is not within the power of this Congress to provide it—then the people of these United States are not truly represented."

THE THING is that a military man is silenced by his uniform cannot be substi-



tuted in a free country. A military officer does not lose his mind or his capacity for articulation by the simple act of joining the Army. General Walker quotes George Washington to uphold his own position:

"If men are to be precluded from offering their sentiments on a matter, which may involve the most serious and far-reaching consequences, we must invite the consideration of mankind, reason is of no use to us; the freedom of speech may be taken away, and dumb and silent we may be left, like sheep to the slaughter."

What has been General Walker's error? He is opposed to communism. He has recognized Soviet Russia as our enemy and in the indoctrination of the troops under his command he said so. Discussing this General Walker said:

"We have yet to agree among ourselves, and with our allies, to reach a simple definition—communism is the end-day. We employ its agents in the teaching professions, allowing them to work on the fertile minds of youth seeking a champion to pit against a scapegoat. They infest our entertainment media. They long ago have infiltrated our Government so that a scheme of subversion can be traced through three decades."

"Even our free press is exploited by Communist propagandists. Communist collaborators find rabid and militant defense among certain groups of our citizens, some of whom are merely confused and misguided. Governments always oppose the leaders of these groups and their purposes often are branded reactionary. In other nations of the hemisphere, we have seen these groups seize absolute power. In Cuba, it was with our help."

THE TIME has come for a

public hearing for and against General Walker. Let us get at the facts, whatever they may be. General Walker has already made a statement to the Senate Armed Services Committee, but this has not received the circulation that it deserved. "The Bookmailer, Inc." in New York has issued General Walker's statement in pamphlet form and that is now available to the public. It is reported that this Senate Committee will hold a public hearing late in November, but unless it is fully open, it will serve no constructive purpose.

It will be impossible in an open hearing to avoid calling Adam Yarmolinsky to the stand to testify to the nature and cause of his opposition to General Walker, if any, and the relationship of that opposition to the Fund for the Republic, of which Yarmolinsky was secretary, although he is now Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense. What part has Yarmolinsky played in the elimination of General Walker from the Army? Who is responsible for the peculiar action that was taken concerning General Walker?

WHEN A PUBLIC hearing has been held, we shall be told who is telling the truth and why those who are not telling the truth are taking the attitude that they are. Also we need to know what is the motivation for this sort of thing. A public hearing may discredit General Walker, but it may discredit his supporters, but it cannot discredit the United States.

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